appeals - JFK / WC "task force"

Mr. Quin Shea, Director
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Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

10/29/80

Dear Mr. Shea,

The attached internal Criminal Division memo of 4/20/75, 120-11-1410, establishes that of which I've found no prior written record, the existence of a Department task force in support of the conclusions of the Warren Commission.

This task force "reviewed all the evidence" and it "reported" its conclusions but no single record has been disclosed by the Department or any component in which there is any reference to this task force or its work.

"Several Division" were involved, including Civil. "The best source" on the task force as of the time of the memo was then executive assistant to the Attorney General. (I still await response from the AG's and Deputy's files although this was discussed with your office years ago, with Ms. Linda Robinson.)

This memo holds references to other records not provided.

Of course, the records of the task force should exist and from this memo must be extensive. They are pertinent, are of considerable historical importance and are pertinent to my PA request also.

For your information, John P. Roche, also known as the intellectual in residence in the LBJ White House, has written in such a way as to suggest that the idea for this task force may have originated with him. I report this for more than mere assistance in searching. I have already provided you with copies of records reflecting LBJ's belief that there was a conspiracy to assassinate JFK. If the idea for the task force that was to support the conclusions of the Warren Commission came from the White House when the President did not believe his own Commission's conclusions, then the historical significance of these records is even greater.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg